Home of the brave

Home of the brave is a book about a young African boy named Kek. Kek’s family was killed in Africa, so he’s being relocated to America to live with cousin and Aunt, in Minnesota. When he first arrives it is very hard for him to adjust because he doesn’t speak English and the cold is a drastic difference from Africa’s warm climate. He starts at his new school as a 6th grader in a ESL class that speaks 12 different languages. He quickly meets a friend named Hannah, who helps him adapt by teaching him how to skateboard, and bringing him to a mall and a grocery store. Within a couple days he gets a job taking care of a cow owned by someone named Lou. Kek takes great care of the cow and treats it like a family member because in Africa your wealth is measured by cattle. Kek begins to grow a great bond with the cow and he names it Gol, which means family in his language. Eventually he quits because he finds out Lou is going to get rid of Gol witch Kek see’s as a terrible sin.

I really liked the book. I liked that it talked a lot about African culture and really helped educate me on what it’s like to live there. It was very interesting and really made me realize how different the culture is in Africa. The book showed me how different it is to live their and the terrible things that they have to go through on their day to day lives. I like how it is written in Keks point of view. It helps show firsthand what it is like to be new to a country and what immigrants go through every day. I think it add some humor to the book too, because people new to America see things differently than we do and its funny to see what they think of our customs. One thing I don’t like about the book is that it is really short and almost seems too easy to read, but other than that I like the book. I liked the ending because it’s one of those books that ends happy so when you get done reading it you feel good about it. Another thing I liked was that it helps give you a good background on Kek so that you actually feel like you know him and it makes the book seem like something that could actually happen in real life. I would recommend the book to people who want to learn about what it’s like to be new to a country, or for someone who wanted to learn about Africa and its culture. If you like happy stories you might like this book because the ending is a happy one too.